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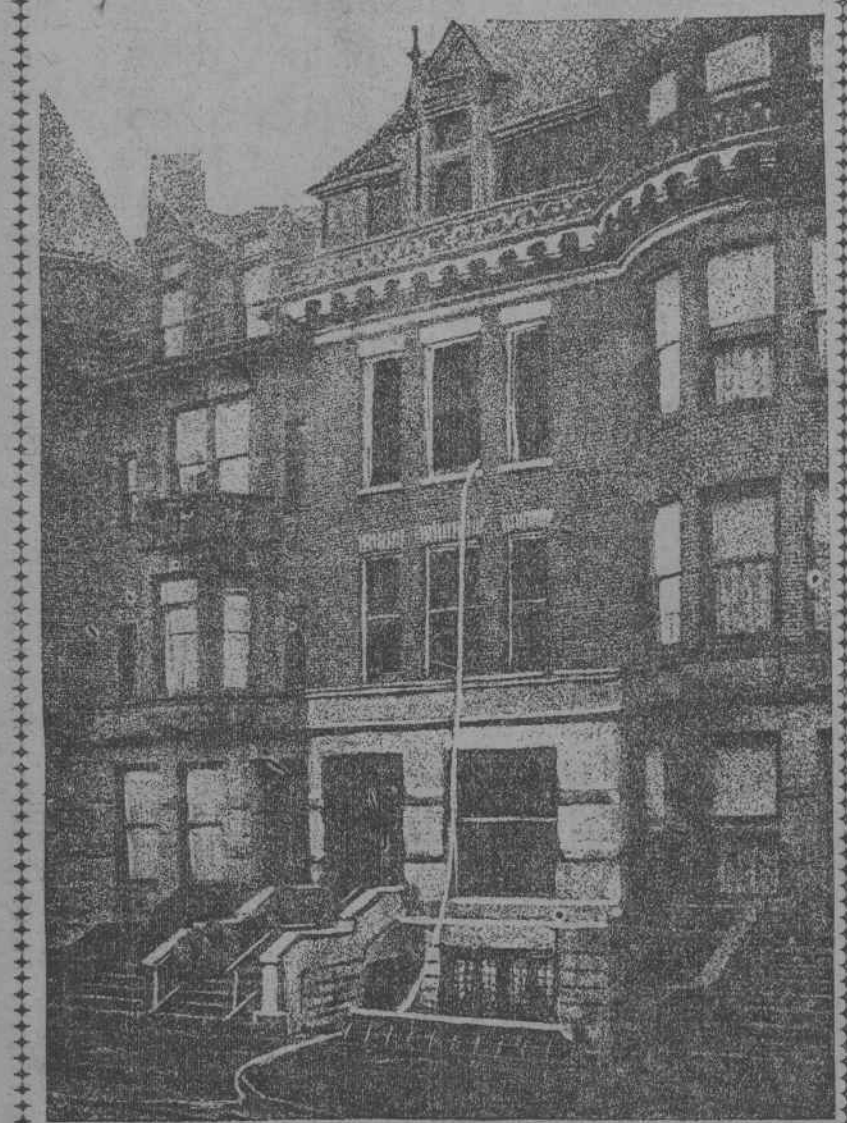
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HOUSE A FIRE TRAP; THREE WOMEN DEAD.



Colonel Raymond's Mansion of Death.

From the upper window his sister-in-law leaped; his wife perished when her would-be rescuer fell.

Two Leap or Fall, While a
Crowd Look on Power-
less to Aid.

COOK SACRIFICES LIFE.

Wife and Sister-in-Law of
Colonel C. H. Raymond
Are Victims.

At a fire in a fine and splendidly furnished
mansion in the fashionable district of West
Seventy-third street yesterday morning,
three women lost their lives and several
men were hurt.

The dead were:
MRS. CHARLES H. RAYMOND, fifty-five
years old, of No. 200 West Seventy-third street.
MRS. JULIA UNDERWOOD, her sister, the
widow of Isaac S. Underwood, an editor of
Zanesville, Ohio.
MRS. HARRIET FEE, forty-one years old,
the cook, who died in trying to save her em-
ployer.

The injured are:
CHARLES H. RAYMOND, suffering from
shock and the inhalation of smoke; his condition
is not serious.
WILLIAM DOERR, of No. 172 West End
avenue, who was treated at Roosevelt Hos-
pital, and sent home late yesterday afternoon.
WILLIAM FERGUSON, butler; limb
sprained and face slightly cut.
JOHN ANGIARESE, German of Engine No.
40, from head cut.

Everything united to make the event one
of amazing horror. The fire did not break
out in the dead of night. It was after
daybreak and while the servants were pre-
paring breakfast. Fire escapes of rope
were at each of the three upper floors, at
both front and rear windows. Neighbors
and passers-by were eager to help, but
could only look on in despair, as death took
its victims before their very eyes.
The firemen were quickly on the scene, and yet
the dreadful results could not be prevented.
The mansion is the home of Colonel
Charles H. Raymond, general agent of the
Mutual Life Insurance Company, and is a
four-story and basement structure, long
and narrow. The homes of wealthy and
distinguished people are all about.

Fire Strangely Started.

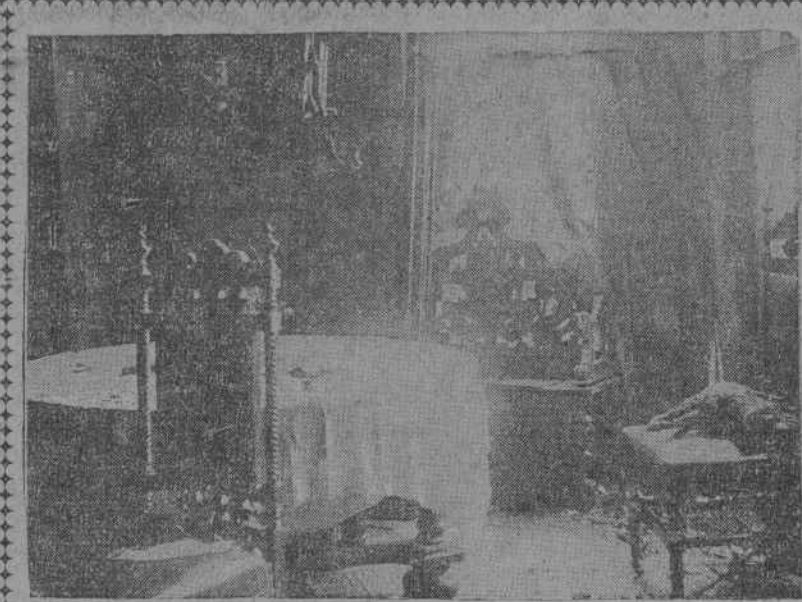
The cause of the fire seems to have been
a defective flue of an astounding charac-
ter. The fire was discovered in the rear
parlor on the first floor, and was pointing
through the entire house in a few minutes.
At the side of the room where the fire
began was a large mantle, with grate and
gas logs, and above the mantle the wall
was covered with woodwork to the ceiling.
All the woodwork was burned away, and
there was discovered a hole in the wall,
caused by a missing brick. The hole
opened into a chimney flue, with which a
stove in the basement was connected.
Maggie Mullerkey, the maid, says there
was no fire in the stove yesterday morn-
ing. The firemen believe that the fire
caught from sparks through that hole
some time Monday evening, and ate its
way unopposed between floor and walls for
hours before it was discovered.

Mrs. Fee and Maggie Mullerkey went to
the basement shortly before half past six
o'clock yesterday morning, from their room
on the top floor. There was no sign of
fire or smoke.

About ten minutes Maggie went to the
first floor and found the fire in the rear
parlor. She screamed and ran along the
entire east wall. She screamed
loudly, and Mrs. Fee came running up-
stairs. The fire was under the wooden
stairway leading to the second floor, and in
a few moments the stairway was ablaze.
Maggie ran screaming into the street.

Through Fire to Wren the Family.
Mrs. Fee, after a moment of hesitation,
dashed through the flame and smoke, cry-
ing that she must rescue the Raymonds,
who slept in the front room on the second
floor. There is no rear stairway in the
house, except from the basement to the
first floor.

A passerby ran to send in an alarm, but
went to a box at Sixty-third street and
West End avenue instead of one at Seven-
ty-third street and the Boulevard. Precious
moments were thus lost. Neighbors came
running out, and in an incredibly brief
time the flames were through the entire
house, while Colonel and Mrs. Raymond



Family Pet Dead in the Dining Room.

The cat was found as shown above, suffocated among the wreckage.

and Mrs. Underwood were at the windows
screaming for help.
Mrs. Underwood was at the east window
of the third floor. There was a fire escape
there of the kind that winds a rope from
a cylinder and allows a person to cling to
it and slowly descend. She probably knew
nothing of it.

Loaded to Death.

The heat and her fright caused her to
leap down in spite of the warning cries of
the crowd. She bounded from a lintel,
turned headforemost and struck on the
stone steps, crushing her skull and dying
instantly. Immediately after this the first
fire engine, No. 40, from West Sixty-eighth
street, dashed into the street, and in a few
moments a line of hose was throwing water
into the building and firemen were trying
to rescue the inmates.

There is no hook and ladder company
nearer than a mile from the house, as the
residents have bitterly fought the effort to
have one in the neighborhood.
Engine No. 40, however, carried a short
scaling ladder with its hose, and this
was hooked into the middle window of the
second floor, where Colonel and Mrs. Ray-
mond were crying for aid.
The first to spring up was William Doerr,
a street car conductor. He was weary at
the top when Mrs. Raymond tried to climb
down. She tripped, fell headlong upon
Doerr, and she, Doerr and the ladder fell
on the stones below. Mrs. Raymond pitifully
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In another few moments a hook and lad-
der company arrived, a ladder was quickly
run up and Fireman Fluk carried Colonel
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The Cook's Body Found.

While these exciting scenes were in progress
Maggie Mullerkey was running about,
crying that Mrs. Fee was burning to death.
For nearly an hour no one could enter the
house, and then the body of the faithful
woman was found burned to a crisp on
the floor near the door of her employers'
room. Her husband, a coachman at Bed-
ford Park, learned the news from the af-
ternoon papers.
Mrs. Raymond's body was removed last
night to the home of her sister-in-law,
Mrs. Maxwell, at No. 14 East Seventy-
seventh street. Mrs. Underwood's body
will be taken this morning to the Max-
well home.

H. T. SLOANE AMAZES SOCIETY.

His Transfer to His Wife of His Princely Fifth Avenue
Mansion Is Believed to Confirm the Persist-
ent Rumors of a Separation.

In the Social World.
Society was much interested to learn yesterday
that Henry Sloane had made over his handsome
new residence in Seventy-second street to Mrs.
Sloane. This, and the additional fact that Mr.
Sloane is living at a hotel in upper Fifth avenue,
were matters of comment at the opera last evening.
The house, built a few years ago by Mr. Sloane, at
No. 9 East Seventy-second street, is one of the most
admirable in the "court section," as Fifth avenue
above Fifty-ninth street is called. Mr. Sloane was
one of the pioneers in Seventy-second street, Col-
onel Jay, James Abercrombie Burden, Mrs. O. H. P.
Belmont, Mr. Tiffany and Robert W. and William
H. Taylor being other early settlers there. The re-
port that a ball is to be given soon by Mrs. Sloane
is untrue, as she is too ill to entertain at present.
From the Commercial Advertiser, December 20.

Few things which are within the sacred
range of social possibility could more ef-
fectually startle the fashionable world of
New York and Newport than that which
has but this moment happened to wit, the
identification of the persons with whose
affairs, though not with whose names, so-
ciety has been so furtively, so incessantly
busy these many days.

There has been whispering, questioning,
speculation, lines of which, vaguely enough
worded, have two or three times, though
it is difficult to say through what channels,
found their way into print. These para-
graphs have served the purpose of keeping
society's curiosity at fever heat and sharp-
ening the edge of inquiry.

These persistent rumors have been
thought to point first at one, then another
of the foremost families.
At intervals, when speculation became
too searching, denials and "clearings up"
have come from this source or that. In the
past few days the index finger of gos-
sip has pointed at all too plainly in one di-
rection, until now the rumors are set to
rest in certainty. There are many per-
sons who will breathe more easily, since
by the certainty, suspicion is averted from
themselves.

It is the making over of the famous
new palace at No. 9 East Seventy-second
street by Mr. Henry T. Sloane to Mrs.
Sloane which has stopped society from
longer asking "Who?" and set it wonder-
ingly to asking "Why?" The house, the

high intelligence, were her warrant for
sharing the social regency of New York.
A half the two leaders had on the occa-
sion of the Bradley Martin ball was for-
gotten when in a succeeding Summer, they
were thrown together at Newport. Then
and there the "75" was conceived.
Since then it has kept closed doors to so
many hundreds of McAllister-elect, and
has ruled New York society with a wand
of iron.

Early in the present Winter, however, it
was learned that the Sloanes had decided
not to entertain. The reason to one pre-
tended to know, for their affairs had been
models. It was suggested that Mrs.
Sloane's interest in her daughter, whom
she is to bring out next Winter, was so
absorbing that she did not care to do any
more entertaining until the young lady's
debut. There the guessing stopped.
It was said again that Mrs. Sloane's
health was not of the best. But it is cer-
tain that the interests of Miss Sloane
have been the factor paramount in deter-
mining the parents upon so careful and
moderate an arrangement of their disagree-
ment, whatever its nature may be.
Since it has been agreed that no formal
separation shall be had until after the
launching of Miss Sloane upon the social
sea, which will be done with all the eclat
that her father's wealth and refinement
and her mother's grace and social distinc-
tion demand and insure.
At present Mr. Sloane is said to be mak-
ing his residence at one of the uptown
hotels.

PRES. HARPER'S THREAT TO SUPPRESS WEEKLY.

Chicago University's Organ Had Com-
mented on the Institution and the
Editor Had to "Resign."

Chicago, Dec. 20.—President William R.
Harper has threatened to suppress the
University of Chicago Weekly. This is
the only organ expressing the student
opinion at the college, and as a result of
the president's action, the students are
much chagrined.
The resignation of Allan Grey Hoyt, ed-
itor of the weekly, has been tendered at
the request of Dr. Harper, and not until
today did the reason for his resignation
become known. The action was taken be-
cause the publication saw fit to comment
editorially against the methods made use
of at the institution.

MAYOR HARRISON HAS A JOKE ON JOKERS.

Committee on City Hall to Which Rail-
way Franchises Were Referred
Had a Farical Origin.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The Committee on City
Hall, to which the City Council last night
referred all ordinances for the extension
of the street car franchises, was made up
last Spring of reform members for a joke.
When the fight over the make-up of the
committee was on, and last Spring a
number of the Mayor's friends among
the Democratic aldermen refused to go
into the party caucus. With the aid of
Republican votes the caucus committee
were chosen, and, to punish the objectors,
the committee on City Hall and Street
Nomenclature, two bodies which up to
date never had a meeting and never ex-
pect to have one, were filled up with the
aldermanic friends of the Mayor.
It was considered a great joke at the
time, but now all the important exten-
sion ordinances are put in charge of one
of these despised committees. It numbers
thirteen, and ten of them are supporters
of the Mayor in his franchise fight.

SIX BURIED BENEATH SLIDING TONS OF ICE.

The Chilkoot Trail Adds Another Hor-
ror to Its Grewsome List of
Dead Gold Seekers.

Seattle, Dec. 20.—The Chilkoot trail from
Lillooet to the Yukon has furnished an-
other snowslide disaster, in which the fol-
lowing six lives were lost:
MRS. DARLING and two sons, aged sev-
enteen and nineteen years, all of Lake Linde-
man.
BERT JOHNS, of Juneau.
HARRY SHAW, of Skagway.
Unidentified woman.

The disaster occurred December 9 on
Crater Lake, half a mile beyond the sum-
mit. Hundreds of tons of snow and ice
moved down the steep mountainside, bury-
ing the helpless victims beneath it to a
depth of from five to fifty feet.
News of the slide reached Skagway De-
cember 11, and that afternoon and the fol-
lowing day a rescue party recovered the
bodies.

MAN WHO NEVER SLEPT SLEEPS SOUNDLY NOW.

For Sixteen Years the Late Millionaire
Bain Never Took an Hour's
Repose in Bed.

Kenosha, Wis., Dec. 20.—Millionaire Bain,
whose death is announced from Pasadena,
Cal., was familiarly known as the "man
who never slept." It is virtually a fact
that for the last sixteen years he did not
sleep an hour in his bed. Over-devotion
to business was the cause of his sleepless-
ness. For the past ten years it was his
custom to take daily trips to Chicago, rid-
ing, driving during the day, while at
night he was always to be found either at
a theatre or billiard hall, which were the
only places where he was able to get a
sleep.

ABUSED FROM SLUMBER TO MARRY HIS SON.

Justice Hayes Was Surprised, but Tied
the Knot and Received Ten
Dollars.

Justice of the Peace Hayes, of Jersey
City, aroused from sleep early yesterday
by a couple who desired to be married,
found to his surprise when he hurried
downstairs that the groom to be was his son
John.
The bride was Miss Mamie Kennedy.
Both gave forty years as their age. The
justice married the couple in the kitchen,
receiving a fee of \$10 from his son, whose
second wedding it was.



CABINET TO HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS.

President Seeks Counsel as
to Two Important Ap-
pointments.

Washington, Dec. 20.—There will be a
special meeting of the Cabinet at the White
House to-morrow. Among several important
questions before it will be the problem of
selecting a successor to Mr. Bliss, whose
resignation as Secretary of the Interior is
to take effect on January 1, and the ap-
pointment of an Ambassador to England to
succeed Mr. Hay, the present Secretary of
State.

It can be positively stated that the an-
nouncement that the President affixed his
signature to the appointment of Joseph H.
Choate before starting on his Southern trip
was not based on fact. While the Presi-
dent, as originally and exclusively stated
in the Journal, is disposed to make Mr.
Choate the new Ambassador, he has not yet
gone so far as to make out the nomination.
This will not be done until after the re-
turn of the American Peace Commission
from Paris. Consequently no ap-
pointment to this position will be submitted
to the Senate until after the Christmas
recess.

In some quarters, usually well informed,
the reason for this delay is said to be the
President's desire to consult with White
law Reid, and possibly to offer the Am-
bassadorship to him in recognition of his
services on the Peace Commission. It is
not believed, however, that the Presi-
dent is seeking an open conflict with Senator
Platt, of New York, who would undoubtedly
fight Mr. Reid's nomination, and possi-
bly postpone it indefinitely, even if he
was not able to defeat it altogether. Mr.
Platt is not especially pleased at the
prospects of Mr. Choate's appointment.
In view of the President's fondness for
the President desires it, and both he and
his champion, Mr. Quay, fully expect it.

The President has not yet decided whom
to invite into his Cabinet as the successor
of Secretary Bliss. It has not even been
settled whether the new Cabinet mem-
ber shall come from the East or the West.
The consensus of opinion seems to be that
the appointment will go to a Western man.

Mr. Ryan has served as United States
Minister to Mexico, and is a man of fine
attainments. He has had charge of most
of the details of the Interior Department
work during Secretary Bliss's incumbency.
If he is promoted to the secretaryship,
Second Assistant Secretary Webster Davis
will probably be made First Assistant Sec-
retary, and Mr. Hermann, the Commissioner
of the General Land Office, will prob-
ably obtain Mr. Davis's present position.

GRIP VICTIMS NOW NUMBER HUNDREDS.

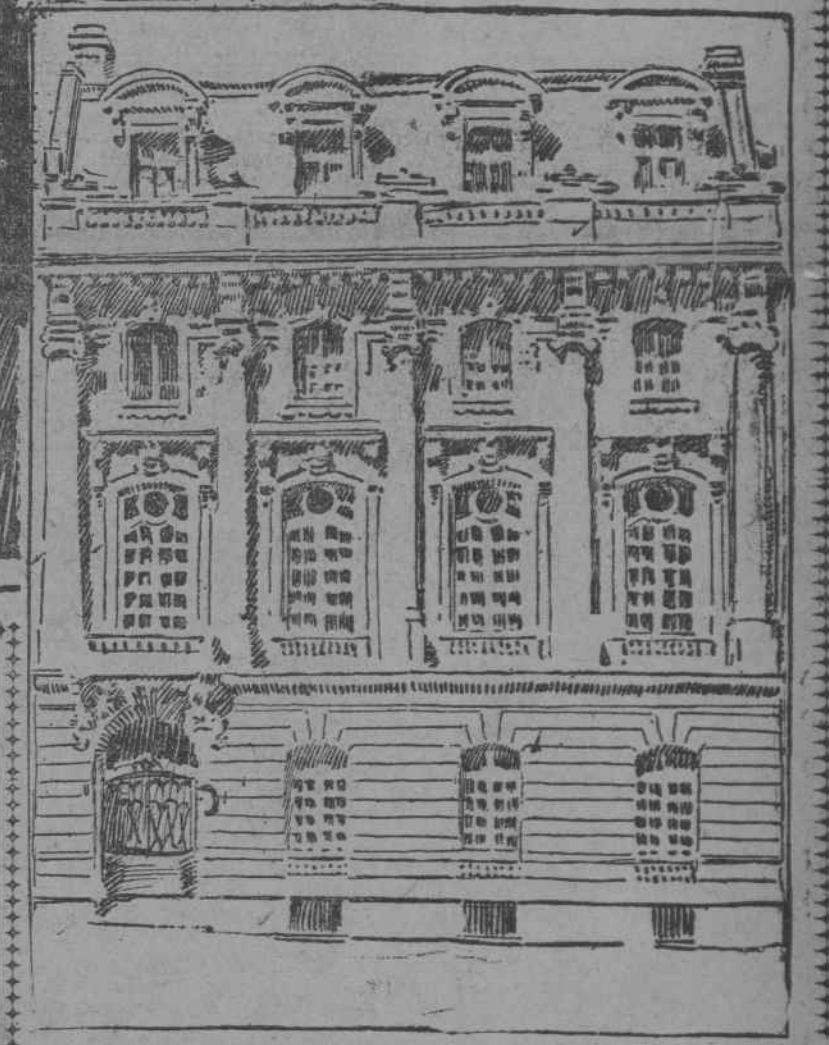
Doctors Surprised by
Its Malignance and
by the Rapidity of
Its Spread.

Two Hundred Cases
in Bellevue; Fire and
Other City Depart-
ments Crippled.

Admiral Schley, Gen.
Woodford, Secretary
Hay and Gen. Tracy
Among Sufferers.

PROMINENT PERSONS WHO HAVE THE GRIP

General Stewart L. Woodford,
James R. Keene,
Robert Pinkerton,
John E. Searles,
Admiral Schley,
Bishop McDonnell.



Henry T. Sloane and His Princely Mansion.
The transfer of this magnificent house at No. 9 East Seventy-second street, in the
centre of the ultra fashionable residence district, to Mrs. Sloane, has startled society
and set at rest rumors which were persistent if not definite in character.

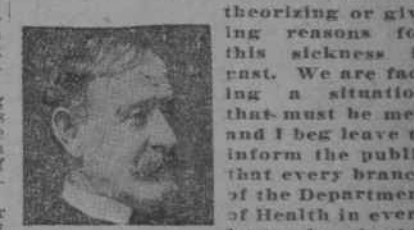
ALTGELD OUT FOR WAR ON CROKER.

In Field for Mayor to Head
Off Latter's "Influence
on Local Politics."

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—The Municipal
Ownership and Chicago Platform party was
born to-day. Former Governor Altgeld
named it.
The ex-Governor explained that his reason
for entering the race so early was that
he wanted to head off the influence of
Croker on local politics. He also questioned
the sincerity of Mayor Harrison's attitude
on pending franchise legislation in the City
Council.

The nominating petitions which will be
circulated in his behalf to-morrow will con-
tain the new party name as a caption.
Judge Altgeld said tonight that it is his in-
tention to ignore the regular organization
of the Democratic party and refuse to ask
the Municipal Ownership and Chicago Plat-
form party.

"What is the use of any citizen going
before that convention?" he asked. "Its
work will be cut and dried long in advance
of the time it meets. I am going to run
for Mayor, and I will be the candidate of
the Municipal Ownership and Chicago Plat-
form party."
In selecting this name, the ex-Governor
was mindful of a provision in the ballot
law which limits the number of words that
can be printed at the head of a ticket on
the official ballot to five. He said that
the words "Chicago platform" were includ-
ed, first, because he and his friends be-
lieve in the Chicago platform, second, be-
cause they would be severely criticized if
they were omitted, and third, because
there is nothing to be gained by leaving
them out.



Admiral Schley. "This office is
never closed. A doctor and staff are
on duty all night, and are ready to
respond to any calls from any class
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